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## Board of Trade Hold Meeting

A regular meeting of the Bassano Board of Trade was held in the New Royal Cafe on Wednesday afternoon of this week. Twenty members were reported present, and President James Johnston occupied the chair.

Following luncheon, the meeting was called to order, and Mr. R. A. Gordon, Secretary-Treasurer read the minutes of the last regular meeting.

The President, reporting on behalf of the executive committee, stated that a meeting had been held, and matters referred to the executive were discussed. In his report, he stated that the executive still had several matters of importance to the board to deal with, and that as soon as further information was received these matters would be brought to the board's attention. He also informed the members present that the local Scout troop are planning on conducting a tag day in Bassano early in April, on behalf of the Salvation Army Red Shield Drive.

Mr. Harry Holmes reported on behalf of the public affairs committee.

Mr. A. T. Connolly reported receiving the Board of Trade stopwatch, and his intention to turn it over to the President.

The membership committee reported that eight new members had been added since the last regular meeting, bringing the total paid-up membership to approximately forty.

The attention of members was drawn to the dance under auspices of the Board, to be held on April 12th, and support of the members was solicited.

Members were also informed of the Red Cross meeting to be held in the Masonic Hall on April 3rd, when Col. Tomlinson, Commissioner of Calgary Division Red Cross Association will deliver an address.

Following a short discussion of matters of local interest, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2 p.m.

## SONNY FRY ENGAGEMENT DRAWS NEAR

With a little over two weeks left before Sonny Fry and the Gentlemen of Music make their initial appearance before dancers in Bassano, all arrangements have been completed for the biggest evening's entertainment staged here for a number of years.

Sonny Fry and the orchestra are rated amongst the best in the province. In recent weeks a number of radio fans in the district have kept their radios tuned to a Calgary station every Wednesday evening, when Sonny Fry has entertained from the stage of the Palace Theatre. All agree that the orchestra is "tops", and are looking forward to the evening when they may see them play on the stage of the local hall.

Keep the date in mind, April 12, and the orchestra Sonny Fry and the Gentlemen of Music. The dance is being sponsored by the local Board of Trade, who suggest that you do not miss the evening's fun.

## Liberal Government Sweeps Canada

### Gershaw Receives 3,500 Majority In Medicine Hat Constituency

Swept back into power by the greatest mandate ever accorded a political party in the history of Canada, the Liberal Party on Wednesday evening had a total of 176 seats while the National Government, under the leadership of Dr. Manion received a majority in 38 ridings. In the election, Dr. Manion suffered defeat in his own constituency of Fort William, Ontario.

Other parties contesting the election won 25 seats, and at time of going to press 6 seats were still in doubt. Votes of soldiers in the Old Country will not be counted until early in April, but it is not expected that these will change the standing of any of the parties.

Alberta Elects 7 Liberals, 7 new Democracy, 1 in doubt

In Alberta 7 Liberals were elected Wednesday evening, and 7 New Democracy candidates had succeeded in their constituencies. In three other constituencies the Liberal party had a lead. This success by the Liberals was a major party success, as in the 1935 elections they had succeeded in placing only 1 candidate in Ottawa while Social Credit candidates won 15 seats.

Dr. Gershaw, candidate in the Medicine Hat constituency, was the third Liberal Candidate to win a seat in the Federal government. In the constituency he led the polls by a majority of approximately 3,500 votes. Of these, nearly half came from the city of Medicine Hat, while the remainder came from district and rural polls.

At the Bassano Poll, Dr. Gershaw appeared to be the choice of district electors. Here he received a majority of 121 votes over Archie Mitchell New Democracy Candidate. Gershaw received 247 votes, and Mitchell 126. From these figures it will be seen that nearly 67 per cent of the voters were in favour of having Dr. Gershaw their representative in Ottawa for the next five year period.

These figures, and the percentage, compares very favorably with other centres throughout the constituency, leading by a slight margin. This is probably due to the efficient organization work conducted in Bassano many weeks prior to the election, and to the untiring efforts of numerous local citizens, members of the Bassano Liberal Association.

The following are the results of the election poll by poll. At time of going to press, figures from some polls were unavailable.

(126 Polls)

F. W. Gershaw (Lib)

A. H. Mitchell (ND)

|                     | Lib. | ND |
|---------------------|------|----|
| 1—One Four          | 21   | 3  |
| 2—Comrey            | 22   | 14 |
| 3—Pendant D'Oreille | 25   | 4  |
| 4—Aden              | 33   | 16 |
| 5—St. Kilda         | 58   | 12 |
| 6—Clarinda          | 64   | 11 |
| 7—Allerston         | 69   | 13 |
| 8—Lucky Strike      | 30   | 5  |
| 9—Three Eleven      | 25   | 10 |
| 10—Groton           | 41   | 5  |

## Still Counting Ballots in Prov.

Counting of second choice ballots in many rural constituencies throughout the province is still going on, following the Provincial election held last Thursday. To date the Social Credit government under the leadership of Wm. Aberhart have won the contest in a large number of constituencies, but are still two seats short of holding a majority in the house. On Wednesday evening they held 27 of the 57 seats.

The Independent party have won the election in 15 constituencies, and are leading in several other seats. However it is not expected that the Independents will receive sufficient seats to form a government.

In the provincial constituency of Gleichen Mr. D. J. McKinnon of Carseland won the election as an Independent on the first count. Three candidates were entered in the struggle, Mr. McKinnon, J. H. Caldwell and L. M. McCune.

In the Bow Valley-Empress constituency, Mr. W. E. Cain, Social Credit, defeated Mr. E. L. Gray, Independent, by a majority of some two hundred votes.

|                      |     |     |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| 11—Avalon            | 34  | 1   |
| 12—Gahern            | 36  | 2   |
| 13—Goddard           | 27  | 11  |
| 14—Etszik Coulee     | 19  | 9   |
| 15—Doondale          | 36  | 1   |
| 16—Manyberries       | 43  | 27  |
| 17—Thelma            | 29  | 19  |
| 18—Orion             | 59  | 10  |
| 19—Etszikom          | 89  | 4   |
| 20—Nemiscan          | 48  | 16  |
| 21—Foremost          | 107 | 36  |
| 22—Skiff             | 51  | 11  |
| 23—Chin Coulee       | 40  | 16  |
| 24—Glen Banner       | 20  | 0   |
| 25—Ranchville        | 10  | 7   |
| 26—Elkwater          | 17  | 6   |
| 27—Eagle Butte       | 18  | 0   |
| 28—Wisdom            | 27  | 7   |
| 29—Maleb             | 57  | 30  |
| 30—Fortune's         | 52  | 17  |
| 31—Jasman            | 32  | 30  |
| 32—Fletcher          | 84  | 11  |
| 33—Lamarsh           | 15  | 20  |
| 34—Murray's          | 40  | 2   |
| 35—Little Plume      | 12  | 15  |
| 36—Robinson          | 20  | 26  |
| 37—Woolchester       | 26  | 17  |
| 38—Rosebag           | 12  | 17  |
| 39—Bow Island        | 208 | 72  |
| 40—Burgett           | 71  | 48  |
| 41—Purple Springs    | 19  | 14  |
| 42—Winnifred         | 80  | 25  |
| 43—Whitla            | 48  | 16  |
| 44—Seven Persons     | 55  | 24  |
| 45—Feldman           | 47  | 23  |
| 46—Irvine            | 118 | 119 |
| 47—Walsh             | 53  | 57  |
| 48—Pashley           | 38  | 16  |
| 49—Dunmore           | 38  | 16  |
| 50—Connaught School  | 267 | 124 |
| 51—172 3rd St. N.W.  | 164 | 77  |
| 52A—61 9th St. N. E. | 105 | 22  |
| 52—740 2nd St.       | 198 | 78  |
| 53—Montreal St. Sch. | 233 | 66  |
| 54—Hartley Blk.      | 103 | 140 |
| 55—1006 Ross St.     | 190 | 149 |
| 56—Elm St. Sch.      | 242 | 281 |

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## RED CROSS COMMIS'ER TO SPEAK IN BASSANO

Lt. Col. D. H. Tomlinson, Commissioner and Hon. Secretary of the Calgary Division of the Alberta Red Cross Association will be present at and address an audience in Bassano on Wednesday evening next, April 3rd.

With arrangements completed by the Local Red Cross branch, a fine evening of entertainment will follow the business meeting at which Col. Tomlinson will speak. The meeting is scheduled to get under way at 8 p.m. sharp, with the program following immediately afterwards. The Masonic Community Hall has been engaged for the evening's entertainment. A feature of the program will be a period devoted to community singing, at which favorite old-time tunes will be revived.

Lt.-Col. Tomlinson has been commissioner of the Calgary Division of the Red Cross for a number of years, and during this time has obtained the reputation of an enthusiastic organizer. His counsel has been solicited on several occasions by the executive of the local branch. His address should prove entertaining and inspiring to all local citizens.

Admission for the evening entertainment is free. However a silver collection will be taken to help defray expenses. All district citizens are urged and invited to attend.

## WEDDINGS

DUNN — RENNIE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rennie was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday last, when Ethel Mary, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rennie, became the bride of Robert William, elder son of Mr. Robt. Dunn and the late Mr. Robt. Dunn of Medicine Hat. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Naylor of Brooks.

The bride, who entered the room on the arm of her father, and to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, looked charming in a floor-length gown of dusky pink chiffon, and carried a bouquet of Rose Briar roses and Lily-of-the-Valley. She was attended by her sister Margaret, who wore a floor-length gown of turquoise blue net and carried a bouquet of carnations and Talisman roses. Little Florence Johnson, niece of the bride acted as flower girl in a floor-length gown of pale blue dotted chiffon. The groom was attended by Mr. Manley Nichols. "Oh Perfect Love" was rendered on the piano by the bride's sister Barbara, during the signing of the register.

After the ceremony a buffet supper was served and the happy couple left for the Coast on the evening train. The bride travelled in a suit of Air Force blue, with matching accessories.

Guests included: Mrs. Robert Dunn and Miss Phyllis Dunn of Medicine Hat; Mrs. W. J. Chilton of Clarendon; Mrs. W. J. Hay of Red Deer; Mr. M. Nickols of New Dayton; Mr. A. Elder of Armada; Miss Margaret Rennie of Medicine Hat; Private J. J. Rennie of the Calgary Highlanders; Mrs. James Hamilton and Mr. Robert Bacon of Bassano.

Liberals in the Medicine Hat Constituency rejoiced over the results of the federal election. A large enthusiastic crowd filled the Liberal Committee rooms in Medicine Hat to congratulate Dr. W. F. Gershaw on his sweeping victory. At the same time a telegram of congratulation was sent to Dr. Gershaw by the Bassano Liberal Association.

At 8:20 p.m., A. H. Mitchell, New Democracy candidate entered the hall to concede the election. At the time, although only 79 of the 127 polls had been heard from, Dr. Gershaw had a lead of nearly 3,500. The city ballot gave Gershaw a majority of 1,620.

Dr. Gershaw said: "Needless to say, I am gratified by the splendid support our cause has received from all parts of the constituency. Never before have we had so many volunteer workers, such earnest endeavor and such a splendid organization. Great credit is due to the organizer and his able staff of poll captains.

"Even in country communities, men and women formed small committees that worked tirelessly. I am particularly grateful for the considerable support which was received from members of those political bodies who did not have a candidate in the field. I do not regard this a personal victory, but as one of sound government."

A. H. Mitchell, defeated candidate: "I expect to learn shortly what it feels like to be a dog without fleas. I want to congratulate Dr. Gershaw on his splendid victory. It was not only a personal victory, but part of the Liberal sweep across the country. I will try to make his job as easy as possible."

Altar Society Dance, Friday, March 29th, Masonic Hall - Tonettes Orchestra - Novelty Dances

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### PROVINCIAL ELECTION RESULTS

THE RETURN of the Aberhart government to office as a result of the election on March 21st is now generally conceded. The results of the election are such as to be gratifying and disappointing to both sides. Disappointing to Social Credit because their majority is reduced, and gratifying because they still hold the reigns of government. Disappointing to the Independents because they didn't quite make it, but exceedingly gratifying in view of the staunch following they obtained in the Province and the substantial number elected to the Legislature.

It cannot be denied that radical government with queer ideas, when subject to the surveillance of an opposition of fine calibre do make good governments. We trust that Alberta will have such a Government in the next five years.

### INGENIOUS METHODS USED BY PRISONERS TO CONVEY MESSAGES

PRISONERS OF WAR in Canadian Internment camps live up to the best traditions of dime fiction "thrillers" in their attempts to receive or send messages meant to escape the watchful eye of military censors.

The well-known invisible ink method is still very much in the vogue. Fat files in the office of Lieut.-Colonel H. Stethem, Assistant Director of Internment Operations, testify to the fact. Lieut.-Colonel Stethem double checks all suspicious communications. With the help of powerful violet ray lamps and various chemicals, he has detected messages written between lines of apparently harmless letters or on blank sheets of paper, immaculate, until subjected to the tests.

Reverse sides of stamps and address stickers have been used often in attempts to smuggle messages into the camps. Innocent publications cloak other ingenious tricks. Religious papers were found, upon close inspection, to be pricked here and there with pin points under key letters. When assembled consecutively, these letters were found to spell out secret messages in German.

### TAXES WE DO NOT GET

FROM TIME TO TIME, one hears protests against the amount of tax-free property in a town, contributing nothing to the civic tax revenue. In every town, this forms quite a part of civic life, and the question is raised whether all the properties now exempt from taxation are rightly so.

Included in such tax free institutions so far as this town is concerned are churches, schools, hospital and all municipal properties such as town hall, rink, parks, isolation hospital, etc. In addition, the federal and provincial government properties are also tax free.

So far as churches, schools and hospital are concerned, there would probably be little gained by imposing taxation. They are for the service of the public and in any case it would all come out of the people, one way or another.

The government buildings are in a different category, and although they are ostensibly here to give service to the public, they are also here to bring revenue to the senior governing bodies. There seems no normal reason why they should enjoy tax exemption. The provincial government extracts a special social service tax from the town, and both governments impose many other forms of taxation on the people who have to pay the municipal tax. Why should they not reciprocate by conforming to the tax requirements paid by others to maintain the town.

Property values are one consideration, business tax is another. There seems absolutely no good reason why the province and the dominion should not be taxed both as to ownership and business, just as individuals are. But the business tax which is based on 10 per cent levy on the assessed rental value, of the premises, still falls far short of reflecting proportionate business done. The liquor store for example is probably the town's outstanding example of big business. Figures given have placed the profit on a year's business as at March 31st, 1939 as \$30,000. This is a strictly cash business drawn from the town and district, and contributing not one cent by way of taxation. No doubt the telephone and post office turn over a tidy little sum in the way of profit during the year also.

It is a strange imposition that removes such business completely from the taxable source of the municipal administration.—Vulcan Advocate.

### HOW LONDON'S UNDERGROUND RAILWAYS WERE MADE SAFE FROM AIR RAIDS

By Beatrice Moore

Changing London's railways from peace to war conditions, has meant an immense job of work. The speed with which it had to be carried out, so as to interfere as little as possible with the millions of people dependent on the railroads for their daily transport, makes the story more exciting.

The job means (1) emergency measures for public safety; (2) an immediate "black-out", so as no clues were given to enemy aircraft of the whereabouts of vital sections.

In London, the London Passenger Transport Board controls all the traffic for twenty-five miles round London, and has some eighty-seven thousand employees on its pay-roll. One of the Board's stations, Charing Cross, is used by more than forty-one million people a year. Last year (including bus service) the Board carried three thousand eight hundred and seventy-two million people to work and play.

As far back as 1936, preliminary surveys were made to see what measures would be needed if war ever came. In 1938 after the September crisis, transport authorities made a survey to determine what constructional alterations would be necessary.

A vast programme of emergency work was undertaken by the L.P.T.B. the total cost being about £1,000,000 in London alone. In January, 1939, anti-flood measures in the London Underground Railway were begun, and engineers made a survey of all stations and tunnels. To prevent possible entry of water during a raid, it was found necessary to do work of some sort at 51 stations, and by the time the war broke out, all but 19 had been completed.

The London public saw or knew little of the laborious work going on for its safety. It only saw the superficial changes. Instructions on what to do in event of an air raid, for instance, appeared in trains and on stations. Notices requesting passengers to lie on the floor in the event of an air raid caused amusement on some of the crowded suburban lines.

Other notices at the entrance to Underground stations warned the public that they could not be used as air raid shelters, and that when a raid warning was given, the gates would be closed.

One of the most difficult problems to be faced in London was that of protecting the Underground railways from risk of flooding, either from the river Thames, or from sewers or water mains.

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As soon as war broke out, men began working by day and all night to complete the work, and by the end of December all but one of the stations were opened.

First steps had to be taken for the safety of the workers themselves, as concrete plugs — each weighing thirty-five tons — were put in the tunnels and passages.

As time went on, all sorts of unexpected difficulties were encountered.

The huge steel gates for Charing Cross, for instance, left Scotland on December 6, but the tories ran into fog and did not arrive in London until December 9. Then they had to be loaded on to specially designed trains and hauled into the tunnel by locomotives driven by batteries, since there was no current on the lines.

In spite of this, by December 14 Charing Cross was opened.

In event of an air raid, passengers on the Underground are warned at the nearest station. Those who wish may alight and seek shelter. The train continues its journey. Those who stay in the train are expected to close the windows and ventilators and pull down the blinds.

Beating the "black-out" on the railways has also been a problem, especially now that the "peak period" is earlier in the evening. The first phase, when ordinary trains were plunged into darkness,

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**VARIED COLORS MOTOR PLATES**

License plates for various provinces this year appear to be even more colorful than in past years, it appears from a list prepared recently.

The Alberta Color combination is orange on black. Plates will be available just prior, it is expected, to the opening of the new license year on April 1.

For the other provinces of Canada, the color schemes are as follows:

British Columbia, Lemon yellow on black. Manitoba, white on apple green. New Brunswick, yellow on green. Nova Scotia, white on black. Ontario, black on yellow. Prince Edward Island, white on black. Quebec, white on black. Saskatchewan, red on white.

In the United States, 34 states have adopted entirely new color schemes for this year's plate. Thirteen states and the district of Columbia were satisfied with the present color combinations and merely reversed them as to numerals and background. Connecticut which has a permanent plate, will continue its black-on-aluminum combination.

Black and yellow continues to be the most popular color layout, eight states selecting it for this year. Blue and white with seven states, is second, and black and white third with six states, and black and orange fourth, with four states.

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Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named Edward Frederick Maurer who died on the 20th day of December, A.D. 1939, are required to file with McLaws and Gordon, Barristers and Solicitors, Bassano, Alberta, by the 15th day of April, A.D. 1940, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the executrix will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to her knowledge.

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**ROY GAYFORD AGAIN ON ACTIVE SERVICE**

Roy Gayford, one of Bassano's young men who is serving with the Royal Air Force in England, resumed his duties on March 1st, following an injury he received prior to Christmas. Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gayford of Bassano, and joined the Air Force three years ago.

Early in the year word was received in Bassano that Roy had

been injured when his bomber plane was forced to land in England. Roy spent considerable time in a hospital recovering from the injury.

Recently Roy wrote to his parents informing them that he was again back on duty, and was working night and day to make up for lost time. In his letter he stated that shortly after resuming his work, he had been promoted to the position of the Captain of his airship.



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**CANADIAN GARDEN SERVICE**

By Gordon Lindsay Smith

**The Soil**

Experienced Gardeners caution against rushing the season. It does well no good to be dug while still too wet. It is liable to become lumpy, later, perhaps, to bake hard. With heavy clay soil early working is particularly dangerous.

A good test is to look at ones shoes. If these become muddy after a tramp through the garden it is best to go back to the fire side and read a seed catalogue or a book. Soil ready to work crumbles, never squeezes into mud.

Texture of both heavy and light soil will be immensely improved by the digging in of well rotted manure, decaying leaves or other garden refuse. This sort of thing adds humus and moisture absorbing powers to light soil, makes the heavy kind more amendable to spade and fork.

**Rock Gardens**

Primarily rock gardens are used to transform some difficult portion of a garden into a spot of unusual beauty and charm. Where the ground slopes away so rapidly that rains wash away the soil and grass will not grow, the new kind of gardening helps, and it also forms a pleasing connection for rough land leading up to woodland at the back of the garden proper. But it is really not necessary to have such an excuse and against walls, at the edges of lawns or at the back of the lot one can always make a rock garden.

These special plots are made to resemble miniature alpine ranges, and in them alpine flowers are grown. Such are usually tiny short sprawly things, that require little moisture during most of the year, they are specially listed in the better seed catalogues. To hold the sharply sloping soil, fair size rocks of the roughest possible nature, preferably weather beaten boulders, are buried to about two thirds their depth irregularly throughout the slope. Good pockets of sandy soil are arranged between the flowers find a foothold there and trail over the boulders.

Shrubbery and trees are arranged as background for these rock gardens. An odd tree or bush near the middle will do no harm as most of the rock plant are accustomed to some shade.

**Growing Screens**

Straight narrow fences, abrupt and cramping corners around garage or house, narrow straight side walks, all unduly emphasize the confining limits of small lots. These however, can be made to appear many times more spacious, if the fences and walls are partially covered with vines, if corners are screened with shrubbery, leading down to tall annual flowers.

A curve in the walk, or driveway will make it actually intriguing and will not add more than a few seconds to navigating time between front door and the roadway. If we put in these curves, however, we must be sure to make a reason for them, otherwise the whole effect will be artificial. At the bend in the driveway or path, therefore it is well to have a tree or a group of shrubs or a flower bed.

In screening, it is not necessary nor desirable to cover the whole of fence wall or garage, unless the same is unsightly. Much more pleasing results follow where the shrubbery vines and flowers merely break the lines of the man-made structures behind them, but leave enough showing for contrast.

**CONVICTION QUASHED**

The theft conviction of Mr. D. White of Rosemary was quashed at the sitting of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Calgary on March 18th, last. The conviction was made by Magistrate W. H. Gray of Brooks on January 8th, 1940.

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**ESTIMATE OF COST FIRST YEAR OF WAR IS \$500,000,000**

War cost to Canada, in the coming fiscal year is estimated at \$500,000,000. This is nearly three times the expenditure in the first year of the last war. Canada's military contribution in the war of 1914-18 was largely one of men. Now the contribution is one of men plus machines, and the machine heavily increases the cost.

Here are a few cost comparisons with the last war:

An army division costs about twice as much. This is due to mechanized equipment.

At this stage of the last war, Canada's naval equipment and personnel consisted of two light cruisers and 1500 men. In the first full fiscal year, the naval service spent less than \$4,000,000.

The Naval Service now has a personnel of 6,000 officers and men. Its strength is six destroyers and a flotilla leader with five naval mine-sweepers and 20 auxiliary craft. Estimated cost for the first fiscal year is \$40,000,000. The building program calls for the construction of 90 vessels totalling nearly \$50,000,000.

In the first year of the last war, Canada had no Air Force. The Royal Canadian Air Force now comprises 8,000 officers and men. This does not include the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

Estimates of Canada's share in the plan, up to September 1st next, are \$50,000,000. During the full fiscal year ending March 31st, 1941 it is estimated, Canada will spend approximately \$100,000,000 on the Commonwealth scheme. This sum is part of the estimated total cost of \$500,000,000.

**LATHOM TOPS ONE-SIDED POLLS**

In the recent Provincial election, the Lathom poll in the Bow Valley-Empress constituency probably distinguished itself as being the most one-sided poll in the Province. Here 36 votes cast in favour of E. L. Gray, Independent candidate, while not a single ballot was marked in favour of W. E. Cain, Social Credit. This record places that of Lake Louise in the background, where citizens went solid for the Independent candidate, only seventeen persons having voted.

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## News Notes From District Correspondents

## HUSSAR

On Saturday afternoon, The Jr. Red Cros of the Hussar school held a Tea, under the guidance of their teacher, Mrs. D. D. Derrick, in the Ladies' Aid kitchen. There were candy booths, ice cream booths and one where the boys sold novelties made from wood by themselves. They cleared over \$21.00.

The mail did not reach here on Friday, but the carrier arrived about three a.m. Saturday. Traveling is very difficult except when it is frozen, very late at night or early in the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Woodford, who spent the mid-winter with their daughter, Mrs. Leonard Raffler, of New Port Washington, arrived home on Friday. They had to go from Hussar to their home by sled.

The new method around here is by tractor.

The next meeting of the Aid will be with Mrs. H. B. Stitt, the second Thursday in April.

Church services will be held on April 14th, at noon with Rev. Sam Marshall of Ogden officiating.

## LATHOM

All Lathom people turned out to vote in both the Provincial and Dominion elections.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker and Ken left Tuesday evening for a few days visit with Mr. Baker's parents in Calgary.

Mrs. P. J. Stichsatz and Jack were Sunday visitors at the Baker home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Cowan and John were callers at the Merithew home Saturday evening.

Another local young peoples party was held in the hall last Wednesday. Keep Friday evening open for yet another. This may be the last before spring work starts and folks are too tired to enjoy a social evening.

## E.I.D. NOTES

John S. Niznik has been appointed by the water users of the Antelope Creek District to act as their E. I. D. Contact man.

## ROSEMARY

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. John McElholland were sorry to hear of her death early Saturday morning, in the Bassano Hospital. Deep sympathy is extended to the relatives. Internment was made Monday in the Bassano cemetery.

Misses Pearl and Jean Eastmen of Calgary spent the Easter holidays with their parents.

Mr. Charles Simmons teacher at Scotfield, spent the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simmons.

A large crowd attended the Easter programme given Sunday by the L. D. S. Church.

Mr. Sam Hornberger of Calgary is visiting friends and relatives here.

## Mention Gray For Okotoks

The Edmonton Journal stated this week a "rumor that E. L. Gray leader of the Liberal party in this province might contest Okotoks-High River constituency if that were opened up for him, was current here in political circles.

Mr. Gray was defeated when he sought re-election to the legislature standing as an Independent for Bow Valley-Empress. The successful candidate was W. E. Cain, former M. L. A.

"In Okotoks-High River, the Independent candidate, J. Broomfield won by a majority of 1150 on the first count in Thursday's provincial election. He had 4,284 votes, compared with 3,134 polled by Ivan Case, Social Credit.

It is not known whether Mr. Broomfield would be prepared to resign the seat to open it for Mr. Gray, but in view of the independent majority, it is regarded as a safe seat for an opposition candidate.

"If Mr. Gray does not gain a seat in the Provincial legislature, there may be a question of the provincial Liberal leadership to be considered, it was reported Tuesday.

"There was speculation in political circles as to whether Mr. Gray would remain as leader, in view of his defeat Thursday, when he stood as an Independent."

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EARLY BRITAIN

We have traced the art of brewing from the Greeks of 500 B.C. up to Ancient Rome. The Roman soldiers introduced it to early Britons. Previous to their invasion the usual drinks of the early Britons were water, milk and mead (an intoxicating drink made from honey). Beer being suitable to the climate, and so easily made, by an agricultural people with plenty of corn, it was gladly welcomed and soon became the national beverage.

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## Correspondents

## Hussar Ladies' Aid Meets at Brown Home

Some of the members came in sleds a distance of ten and fifteen miles on Thursday afternoon to attend the monthly meeting of the Hussar Ladies' Aid. The spring thaw having struck, and there being much snow north of Hussar, they feared that it might be their last trip into town for some time, so were glad to attend this meeting.

There were thirty-six members and visitors present; a banner attendance. The hostess, Mrs. H. D. Brown was assisted by her daughter, Ruth. Mrs. M. M. Moffat, the president, and Mrs. T. L. Montgomery, the secretary, were in their places. Two new members were enrolled. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. H. D. Brown, showed the Aid had ninety-six dollars on hand, and no insurance to pay this year; the quilt committee reported that owing to the condition of the roads, it has been impossible to get the report from several of the ladies in the rural district, so the report had to be delayed. No effort will be made by the Aid this year, to raise more funds than are absolutely necessary, as the members are doing Red Cross work, too. A good program was given. Irish Jokes, a Quiz, a musical guessing game, a beautiful piano solo by Ruth Brown and a talk, "Let's Chase the Blues away", by Mrs. E. J. Bell. After the close of the meeting, by singing Easter songs, with Mrs. L. L. Montgomery at the piano, the Hostess served a delicious lunch and a happy social hour was enjoyed.

"More Business...  
.....Less Politics"

Two elections are bad enough, but when two elections are intermingled with two Easter holidays and Good Friday—well that's too much for anybody to swallow says one local farmer, who emphasizes the fact that it is doubly so, since the people of Alberta take their politics so seriously.

Possibly he is not the only one who is more than pleased that the political horizon is again cleared for what should be a period of five years. This is one opportunity that the people of Canada have of exercising their franchise; a liberty that is fast being taken away from some of our not so fortunate friends who abide in certain sections of this universe across the great pond. This advance against democracy by the dictators of Europe is possibly one reason why we people of Canada forget business, pleasure, or any other less important activities and turn out to the polls to inform the people of the world what our reactions are regarding the government of our country. That is why we are all glad when this great duty is completed; a duty we feel we are obliged to perform.

The very fact that, by performing this duty to our country we are bound to interfere with our private affairs is of little importance. What is most paramount when our country is marching to the polls is for every true Canadian who loves and cherishes the free life he is living in this great country, is to be a member of this great horde regardless of everything else.

So it is little wonder, that anybody coming to town during the past week to do some shopping or to buy a tractor, a thresher, or anything else that we in Bassano might have to offer for sale, should find business men grouped in first

## LOUIS CONN - PHONE 7

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## A FEW REAL GROCERY SPECIALS

Matches per pkg. 28c — Soaps white napkins 6-25c  
Soaps face assort. 4-25c — Floor Wax large tin 39c  
Toilet Rolls special 5-25c — Apple Romeo Beatles case \$1.75  
Oranges fair size 3 doz. \$1.00 — Grape fruit large 4-25c  
Lemons per doz. 45c

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one place and then talking most earnestly and one would hardly have to guess what the topic of conversation was. That these men in addition to exercising their franchise, gave most liberally of their capable time to organization work,

in order that the election would be run off without a hitch, seems of little importance, but they were nevertheless, a small part of the great machinery that is capable of compiling over five million votes and have results going out to the people of Canada just short time after the polling booths are closed.

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## Local Items of Interest

Miss A. Gronberg, matron of the Local Hospital, is spending the Easter holidays visiting with her sister, Mrs. P. Parker, in the Hussar district.

### TONETTES TO PLAY FOR DANCE FRIDAY

The Tonettes Orchestra, popular music-makers who make Brooks their headquarters will play at a dance to be held in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening of this week, March 29th. The dance is being sponsored by ladies of the local St. Columbus Altar Society, and was scheduled to have taken place on Easter Monday.

Several novelty dances will be held, including an elimination dance. A good time is assured to all persons in the district who are able to attend.

Proceeds of the dance will aid the Altar Society in carrying out their work in Bassano, and the support of all district citizens is earnestly solicited.

### Polls. . . .

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|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| 57—Elm St. Schl.        | 86 100  |
| 58—City Hall            | 285 65  |
| 59—Toronto St. Schl.    | 216 82  |
| 60—The Arena            | 234 65  |
| 61—Hall Blk.            | 335 94  |
| 62—High School          | 341 123 |
| 63—Elizabeth St. School | 251 311 |
| 64—Vauxhaul             | 113 76  |
| 65—Grantham             | 54 28   |
| 66—Bowell               | 24 40   |
| 67—Redcliff             | 284 251 |
| 68—Schuler              | 77 116  |
| 69—Roseglen             | 21 16   |
| 70—Box Springs          | 25 23   |
| 71—Alderson             | 19 14   |
| 72—Scandia              | 102 79  |
| 73—New West Hal.        | 65 104  |
| 74—Rainier              | 48 109  |
| 75—Cassils              | 38 42   |
| 76—Brooks               | 290 255 |
| 77—Tilley               | 132 100 |
| 78—Hilda                | 81 131  |
| 79—Social Plains        | 26 8    |
| 80—Empress              | 110 65  |
| 81—Bindloss             | 29 8    |
| 82—Cavendish            | 11 10   |
| 83—Buffalo              | 33 11   |
| 84—Atlee                | 7 20    |
| 85—Jenner               | 45 22   |
| 86—Iddesleigh           | 32 9    |
| 87—Patricia             | 78 63   |
| 88—Millicent            | 33 46   |
| 89—Duchess              | 78 95   |
| 90—Rosemary             | 111 61  |
| 91—Bassano              | 247 126 |
| 92—Makepeace            | 17 12   |
| 93—Cluny                | 156 50  |
| 94—Gleichen             | 298 169 |
| 95—Namaka               | 40 30   |
| 96—Strangmuir           | 68 39   |
| 97—Strathmore           | 215 143 |
| 98—Crowfoot             | 37 21   |
| 99—Chancellor           | 30 43   |
| 100—Hussar              | 42 22   |
| 101—Gem                 | 38 46   |

Ted Stiles was a Brooks visitor the first part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Bernie were Medicine Hat visitors over the week-end.

Mrs. J. Bulmer of Hanna is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cathro.

Alex McLeod of the local bank staff spent the week-end in Calgary.

Miss Nettie LeGranduer was a Calgary visitor on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. E. E. Hartford of Bassano was a Calgary visitor on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Clifford Johnson was a week-end visitor with friends in Blackie.

Billy and Eva McAmmond are visiting in Calgary during the Easter Holidays.

Mrs. E. Gougeon and daughters are spending the holiday week visiting relatives in Carseland.

Miss Mary Lore, of Lathom, who has been attending school in Calgary, is spending the holidays at the home of her parents.

La Vern Cole of Carseland is spending the holiday week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cary.

Mrs. Benjamin and family, formerly of Bassano, visited friends in town for a few days this week.

Miss Jean Lees and Miss Doreen Strand spent last week-end visiting at the home of the formers' parents in Calgary.

Miss Patricia Blanchfield of Calgary was a week-end visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith of Bassano.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gayford, of Calgary, spent the week end at the home of the formers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gayford.

Miss Chrissie Wight, teacher at Antelope Creek, is spending the holidays visiting with her mother in Bassano.

Mr. Fred Holmes of Calgary, spent the holiday week-end visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Holmes of Bassano.

Mrs. V. LeGrandeur and daughter Dorothy, of Hussar, spent Tuesday of this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Johnson.

Miss Florence Playfair, teacher in Medicine Hat, is spending the Easter holidays visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Playfair.

Miss Margaret Harper and Miss Connie McBeth were Calgary visitors last week-end. Margaret is remaining in Calgary for a short time.

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Salmon-a-la-King—1 lb. tin 28c

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